

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on January 19, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Chair (R)
Sen. Janna Taylor, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sam Schaefer, Legislative Branch
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch
Phoebe Williams, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary: Department of Administration and Executive Action on Decision Points for Fixed Costs and Inflation/Deflation.

Department of Administration

00:00:39 Sheila Hogan, Director Department of Administration

[EXHIBIT\(jgh11a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh11a02\)](#)

00:06:56 Chairman Osmundson

00:07:08 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division

[EXHIBIT\(jgh11a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh11a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh11a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh11a06\)](#)

00:09:39 Chairman Osmundson

00:09:45 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:10:16 Chairman Osmundson

00:10:21 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:10:49 Sam Schaefer, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:12:05 Chairman Osmundson

00:12:09 Sen. Taylor

00:12:30 Sam Schaefer, LFD

00:12:38 Sen. Taylor

00:12:49 Sam Schaefer, LFD

00:13:11 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:13:41 Sam Schaefer LFD

00:13:49 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:13:57 Chairman Osmundson

00:14:18 Sen. Taylor

00:14:56 Sen. Phillips

00:15:14 Chairman Osmundson

00:15:28 Sen. Phillips

00:15:48 Chairman Osmundson

00:16:19 Sen. Phillips

00:16:43 Chairman Osmundson

00:16:51 **Motion:** Sen. Taylor moved that **INFLATION DEFLATION RATES FOR GASOLINE, AVIATION GASOLINE, DIESEL FUEL AND JET FUEL GAS BE CHANGED TO -26.42% IN 2016 AND -20.11% IN 2017.**

00:17:47 Rep. McCarthy

00:18:21 Chairman Osmundson

00:18:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-2 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips voting no.

00:18:52 **Motion:** Sen. Taylor moved that **THE OTHER RATES BE ADOPTED AS STATED.**

00:19:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

00:19:31 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:19:45 Sen. Taylor
00:20:13 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:20:32 **Motion:** Sen. Taylor moved to **ADOPT CHANGES TO LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COSTS FOR STATE AGENCIES AS SHOWN IN THE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS WITH HB 2 FUNDING LINE ITEM RESTRICTED.**

Discussion:

00:20:57 Sen. Phillips
00:21:11 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:21:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:21:51 **Motion:** Sen. Taylor moved **TO ELIMINATE FUNDING SUPPORTING THE NUMBER OF FTE THAT IS EQUAL TO \$,1343,206 EACH YEAR AND FURTHER ELIMINATE FUNDING FOR THE EXECUTIVE'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 PAY INCREASE..**

Discussion:

00:22:20 Rep. McCarthy
00:22:51 Sen. Phillips
00:23:17 Sen. Taylor

00:23:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-2 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips voting no.

00:24:07 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:24:19 Chairman Osmundson
00:24:27 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:24:31 Chairman Osmundson
00:24:38 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:25:00 **Motion:** Sen. Taylor moved **TO ADOPT SFSD AND GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION AS PROPOSED BUT ADJUSTED FOR REDUCTIONS IN PERSONAL SERVICES.**

Discussion:

00:25:21 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:25:47 Rep. McCarthy

00:26:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-2 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips voting no.

00:26:49 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:27:03 Sen. Taylor
00:27:29 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:28:27 Chairman Osmundson
00:28:34 Sen. Taylor
00:28:54 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:29:33 Sen. Taylor
00:29:54 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:29:58 **Motion:** Sen. Taylor moved **TO ESTABLISH PER FTE RATE FOR OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES AT \$752 PER FTE PER YEAR ADJUSTED FOR #4 AND REDUCE COMPREHENSIVE RATE FOR REMAINING FUNCTIONS TO \$1026,209.00 IN FY 2016 AND \$976,314.00 IN FY 2017.**

Discussion:

00:30:04 Rep. McCarthy
00:30:13 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:30:56 Rep. McCarthy
00:31:06 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:31:16 Chairman Osmundson
00:31:22 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:31:30 Chairman Osmundson
00:31:35 Sen. Phillips
00:31:58 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:32:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-2 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips voting no.

00:32:53 Chairman Osmundson

00:32:59 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved **UNDER THE STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES DIVISION TO MOVE FROM THE REQUESTED 60 DAYS WORKING CAPITOL BACK TO 30 DAYS.**

Discussion:

00:33:23 Sen. Phillips
00:33:39 Chairman Osmundson

00:34:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-2 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips voting no.

00:34:41 Sen. Blasdel
00:34:56 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:35:43 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved **TO INCLUDE THE COSTS OF ADMINISTERING THE STATE EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH PLAN IN HB2 AS INTENDED BY STATUTE.**

Discussion:

00:36:07 Chairman Osmundson
00:36:18 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:37:02 Chairman Osmundson
00:37:05 Sonia Powell, OBPP
00:37:27 Rep. McCarthy
00:37:44 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:38:08 Rep. McCarthy
00:38:19 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:38:31 Chairman Osmundson
00:39:00 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:39:13 Chairman Osmundson

00:39:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-2 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips voting no.

00:39:48 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:40:06 **Motion:** Sen. Taylor moved **WORKERS COMPENSATION, FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT, FSA ACCOUNT AND FSA DEBIT CARD RATES BE ADOPTED AS PROPOSED.**

Discussion:

00:40:17 Sen. Blasdel

00:40:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:40:39 Chairman Osmundson
00:40:57 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:41:22 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved to **ADOPT STATE HUMAN RESOURCE RATES AS PROPOSED ON PG A-220 TO THE 2015 BIENNIUM EXCEPT FOR CONTRACT COURSES AND EXCLUDE THE \$10 PASS THROUGH FEE FOR THE SITSD LAB.**

Discussion:

00:42:05 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:42:32 Sen. Blasdel
00:42:40 Sen. Phillips
00:42:49 Sen. Blasdel
00:43:10 Rep. McCarthy
00:43:40 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:43:58 Rep. McCarthy
00:44:20 Sonia Powell, OBPP

00:44:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-2 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips voting no.

00:45:18 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:45:58 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **TO ADOPT THE HUMAN RESOURCES INFORMATION SYSTEM BUREAU RATE.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:46:20 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:46:32 Chairman Osmundson
00:46:48 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

[EXHIBIT\(jgh11a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh11a08\)](#)

00:48:54 Chairman Osmundson
 00:49:02 Rep. McCarthy
 00:49:28 Kris Wilkinson
 00:49:53 Chairman Osmundson
 00:50:16 Rep. McCarthy
 00:50:27 Kris Wilkinson
 00:50:56 Rep. McCarthy
 00:51:22 Chairman Osmundson
 00:51:52 Rep. McCarthy
 00:52:26 Chairman Osmundson
 00:52:35 Sonia Powell, OBPP
 00:53:25 Sen. Blasdel
 00:53:39 Kris Wilkinson

00:54:03 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved **TO INCREASE GENERAL LIABILITY RATES TO STATE AGENCIES AND UNIVERSITIES BY \$4,239,012 EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM.**

Discussion:

00:54:16 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
 00:54:41 Chairman Osmundson
 00:54:45 Sen. Phillips
 00:54:55 Sen. Blasdel
 00:55:32 Chairman Osmundson
 00:56:16 Rep. McCarthy
 00:56:36 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
 00:56:56 Rep. McCarthy
 00:57:06 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
 00:57:29 Sen. Phillips
 00:57:44 Sonia Powell OBPP
 00:58:15 Chairman Osmundson
 00:58:25 Sen. Phillips
 00:58:53 Chairman Osmundson
 00:59:02 Sen. Phillips
 00:59:05 Chairman Osmundson

00:59:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-2 with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips voting no.

00:59:49 Chairman Osmundson
 00:59:56 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

01:00:26 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blasdel moved **TO ADOPT THE REMAINING RATES AS PROPOSED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:00:46 Sen. Taylor

01:01:03 **Motion:** Rep. McCarthy moved that **THE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT ADOPT THE EXECUTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF 2015 PAY INCREASE AS SHOWN IN THE 2017 BIENNIAL LEGISLATIVE FISCAL DIVISION BUDGET ANALYSIS AS PART OF THE STARTING POINT FOR ALL AGENCIES WITHIN ITS PURVIEW.**

Discussion:

01:02:59 Chairman Osmundson

01:03:03 Sen. Taylor

01:04:08 Rep. McCarthy

01:04:49 Rep. Tschida

01:05:07 Chairman Osmundson

01:05:22 Rep. McCarthy

01:06:05 Sen. Blasdel

01:07:14 Chairman Osmundson

01:07:18 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips aye.

01:07:49 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:07:59

Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jgh11aad.pdf](#))